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The City of Austin makes the goal of its Climate Protection Plan clear: to "make Austin the leading city in the nation in the fight against climate change."

We have created the petition below to show our support for the Mayor, City Council, Austin Energy, Austin's city leaders, and our diverse community of multiple stakeholders, to achieve rapid implementation of affordable, world-leading, climate solutions, immediately.

We, the citizens of Austin, TX, urge members of Austin City Council to officially recommit to our City's Climate Protection Program. We feel our City can and must do more, and we stand ready to support our City's commitment to world-changing leadership.

In 2007, just two years ago, when the Austin Climate Program was adopted, more than half of today's council was not yet elected, we had a different Mayor, and a different City Manager. We urge our City's new leadership team to recommit the City to the bold, urgent and important goals laid out in 2007.

We ask that today's City leadership put climate solutions first on their agenda and make public their commitment to finding an affordable way forward.

Signers:

543:
6:53 pm PST, Feb 23, Katharine Beisner, Texas
Stay committed!

542:
4:29 pm PST, Feb 19, Name not displayed, Texas

541:
6:01 pm PST, Feb 17, Lori McNabb, Texas

540:
4:44 pm PST, Feb 16, Jeremy Harmon, Texas

Late Backup

539:

4:23 pm PST, Feb 16, Max McCready, Texas

#538,

11:36 am PST, Feb 10, Bukka Allen, Texas

536:

7:50 am PST, Feb 5, Paul Rolke, Texas

Please make climate change your highest priority.

535:

9:02 am PST, Feb 4, Sean Mitcham-Miles, Texas

It is our responsibility as Texans to protect the land that has given us so much! If we don't act, and continue to use our resources in an unsustainable fashion one must ask "Where will our children play?" The responsibility is ours to ensure that our land is healthy and vibrant with life.

534:

7:46 am PST, Feb 4, Cameron Ponsford, Texas

532:

2:17 pm PST, Jan 31, Mazarine T, Texas

531:

9:19 am PST, Jan 31, Stefan Wray, Texas

I voted for all of you who are on council and even helped some you with media exposure. Please listen to this message.

530:

8:35 am PST, Jan 31, Wendy Brown, Texas

529:

6:40 pm PST, Jan 30, Beth Fischl, Texas

528:

9:26 am PST, Jan 30, Brian McNerney, Texas

Austin, if it is ever to truly be an alternative energy leader, must first commit itself to abolishing its dependence in coal-generated power. There is so much progressive energy here, in the form of the Pecan Street Project, the Mueller Development, the admittedly frustrating but ultimately right-minded commitment to light rail, and the trend toward increasing urban density, that there is no reason we cannot solve our dirty coal dependence.

527:

3:00 pm PST, Jan 29, Tresler Lozuk, Texas

526:

2:52 pm PST, Jan 29, Michelle Maloney, Texas

525:

12:32 pm PST, Jan 29, Devon Athans, Texas

524:

12:17 pm PST, Jan 29, Raquel Breternitz, Texas

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11:23 am PST, Jan 29, Name not displayed, Texas

522:

9:36 am PST, Jan 29, Caitlin Hartung, Texas

521:

10:14 pm PST, Jan 28, Name not displayed, Texas

520:

9:05 pm PST, Jan 28, Sharon Bauer, Texas

519:

12:39 pm PST, Jan 28, Jessica Ellison, Texas

518:

9:21 am PST, Jan 28, **W Louis Sneed**, Texas

517:

8:25 am PST, Jan 28, Yvonne Hansen, Ed D, Texas

I urge the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager to continue the Austin Climate Program initiated in 2007, and to strengthen and expand the program where appropriate. If the Program does not include a feedback loop that provides information on performance, I urge the decision makers to do insert such a loop.

516:

4:22 pm PST, Jan 27, Name not displayed, Texas

515:

9:51 pm PST, Jan 26, Andy Rogers, Texas

514:

11:55 am PST, Jan 26, Amanda Wilson, Texas

513:

11:54 am PST, Jan 26, Charlotte Bumbulis, Texas

512:

10:54 am PST, Jan 26, Stephanie Ryder Morris, Texas

We are of modest income and occasionally consider moving out of town though I'm a native Austinite. Why don't we. We value our City and IT'S VALUES. Please continue to live up to this Native Austinites expectations by supporting environmentally conscious companies, jobs, products & services. The GREEN incentives are part of who we are. A CITY WITH A CONSCIENCE.

511:

9:11 am PST, Jan 26, Name not displayed, Texas

510:

8:53 am PST, Jan 26, Richard Faidley, Texas

509:

6:45 am PST, Jan 26, Grant Hudson, Texas

508:

9:56 am PST, Jan 25, Tom Wald, Texas

507:

9:04 am PST, Jan 25, Michael Albrecht, Texas

Dear Austin City Council member, While Washington wavers, make Austin's voice heard. Climate Change

is the issue of our times. We must stop fouling our nest. Let us do what needs to be done to correct this grievous mistake. Thank you. - Mike Albrecht, Austin, Texas.

506:

8:10 am PST, Jan 25, Elizabeth Van Riper, Texas

505:

6:21 am PST, Jan 25, Jennifer Mazzearella, Texas

504:

10:39 pm PST, Jan 23, Michael Tobis, Texas

This is for real. Austin can and should be a leader in Texas, the south and the southwest in addressing this problem!

503:

8:17 pm PST, Jan 23, Dianne DeBois, Texas

502:

7:44 pm PST, Jan 23, Name not displayed, Texas

501:

1:50 pm PST, Jan 23, Kristina Vallejo, Texas

#500:

Jan 23, 2010, Sarah Sirbasku, Texas

499:

Jan 23, 2010, Stephen Belans, Texas

498:

Jan 23, 2010, Kendal Barnard, Texas

497:

Jan 23, 2010, Loren Torres, Texas

496:

Jan 23, 2010, Pat Jackson, Texas

It may seem less expensive to ignore climate-change solutions, but in the long run, it will be far more expensive to the city and to its businesses and citizens.

495:

Jan 23, 2010, Ihor Gowda, Texas

It was a good idea then - even a better idea now!

494:

Jan 23, 2010, Mary Luketich, Texas

Austin represents progressive ideas, don't let old ways and old thinking keep us from keeping our promises to the City. *Let Austin stand for a new cleaner way of living for other cities around the world.*

493:

Jan 23, 2010, Cara Keirstead, Texas

492:

Jan 23, 2010, Laura Martinez, Texas

491:

Jan 23, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

490:

Jan 22, 2010, Randy Senn, Texas

489:

Jan 22, 2010, Richard Moore, Texas

488:

Jan 22, 2010, Sarah English, Texas

Please keep your word and help make our air cleaner

487:

Jan 22, 2010, Susan Sloan, Texas

486:

Jan 22, 2010, Nathan Lapierre, Texas

485:

Jan 22, 2010, Richard Amato, Texas

483:

Jan 22, 2010, Diana Dierks, Texas

Let's recommit to making Austin the cleanest and healthiest city in the nation for both our citizens and our natural environment. Further lets lead the way with innovative solutions to energy efficiency and emissions reduction to become the hub for such initiatives, stimulating our local economy.

482:

Jan 22, 2010, Laura Lane, Texas

481:

Jan 22, 2010, Melody Lytle, Texas

Few issues equal this in importance - do not minimize the impact of global climate change.

480:

Jan 22, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

478:

Jan 21, 2010, Mike Sloan, Texas

Austin is well positioned to lead on the climate protection issue but must follow through on its carbon-reducing words with carbon-reducing ACTIONS. If you as city leaders believe climate protection is no longer a priority for our community, then repeal the ACPP. But if the City maintains that it strives to lead the nation in climate protection: its time for a little less conversation and a little more action, baby.

477:

Jan 21, 2010, Stephanie Tinnin, Texas

476:

Jan 21, 2010, Karin Ascot, Texas

This is the most important issue of our time. Please take action. Thank you.

475:

Jan 21, 2010, Stephen Grant, Texas

474:

Jan 21, 2010, Donna Tiemann, Texas

473:

Jan 21, 2010, Chris Lehman, Texas

472:

Jan 21, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

471:

Jan 21, 2010, **Ian Davis**, Texas

470:

Jan 21, 2010, David Foster, Texas

469:

Jan 21, 2010, Christofer Jauneau, France

468:

Jan 20, 2010, Diane Miller, Texas

467:

Jan 20, 2010, Keri Dawn Selinger, Texas

466:

Jan 19, 2010, Sylvia Newsom, Texas

465:

Jan 19, 2010, Michael Olivier, Texas

Thank you!

464:

Jan 19, 2010, Joe Sanders, Texas

Thanks to Chris Searles for pointing me to this petition!

463:

Jan 19, 2010, Tracy Parker, Texas

462:

Jan 19, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

461:

Jan 19, 2010, Carrie Casey, Texas

The city's environment is one of the reasons that it consistently rate highly on rankings of the best cities to live in, but given the new EPA standards and our ozone levels, anything we can do to improve the air quality it imperative. We need to do this!

460:

Jan 18, 2010, Carol Bradley, Texas

459:

Jan 18, 2010, Denise Hudson McAllister, Texas

Please take care of future generations and have a care for decisions made today

458:

Jan 17, 2010, Andrea Munoz Martinez, Texas

457:

Jan 17, 2010, Wendy Kalthoff, Texas

456:

Jan 17, 2010, Sarah Baker, Illinois

455:

Jan 17, 2010, Marisa Parr, Texas

454:

Jan 16, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

453:

Jan 16, 2010, Lisa Gallo, Texas

452:

Jan 16, 2010, Jeremy Croke, Texas

451:

Jan 15, 2010, Errin Delperdang, Texas

Austin has the resources and the creative, innovative and educated population to be a leader in renewable energy efforts. Let's use them!

450:

Jan 15, 2010, Whitney Jardine, Texas

As a true Austinite I believe this initiative reflects the values of my citizen and fellow citizens.

449:

Jan 15, 2010, Nicole Ray, Texas

448:

Jan 15, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

447:

Jan 15, 2010, Christina Ceballos, Texas

446:

Jan 15, 2010, Matthew Smelser, Texas

445:

Jan 15, 2010, Stephen Roberts, Texas

Please continue to keep Austin at the front of the environmental line.

444:

Jan 15, 2010, Lisa Gailey, Texas

443:

Jan 15, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

442:

Jan 15, 2010, Amy Hargrove, Texas

441:

Jan 15, 2010, Sherry Glover, Texas

With the stricter clean air restrictions being put in place decommissioning Fayetteville Power plant is more urgent than ever. People talk about how clean energy costs more than coal, but when you take into

consideration the increase in healthcare costs from pollution-caused diseases and deaths, along with the increased cost of automobile emissions regulation; clean energy is cheaper.

440:

Jan 15, 2010, Troy Eck, Texas

There is no tomorrow like today.

439:

Jan 15, 2010, Brooke Burnaugh, Texas

438:

Jan 15, 2010, Lisa McWilliams, Texas

Please think about our children's children and all future generations.

437:

Jan 15, 2010, Kendra Jones, Texas

436:

Jan 15, 2010, Marisa Mack, Texas

435:

Jan 14, 2010, Dianne Smith, Texas

We have already put time and resources into this initiative we need to continue working on it. Thank You
Dianne Smith

434:

Jan 14, 2010, Andrea Perry, Texas

433:

Jan 13, 2010, **Alejandro Escovedo**, Texas

432:

Jan 12, 2010, Susan Hall, Texas

I moved to Austin from LA in 1982 because of the awareness of the impact of our behavior on the environment. Please move to keep climate solutions on the table.

431:

Jan 11, 2010, Jan Dawes, Texas

430:

Jan 11, 2010, Monica Eberz, Texas

Is it true that Fayetteville Coal Power Plant supplies 50% of our power and is the 5th worst polluter in Texas and the source of 70% of Austin's CO2 emissions? There's got to be a better way! Let's recommit to the climate protection we signed off on in 2007.

429:

Jan 11, 2010, Marion Martin, Texas

428:

Jan 11, 2010, Laura Hon, Texas

427:

Jan 11, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

426:

Jan 11, 2010, Sara Avila, Texas

425:

Jan 11, 2010, Dana Zenobi, Texas

424:

Jan 11, 2010, Gregory Bausman, Texas

423:

Jan 10, 2010, Michael Sullivan, Texas

Organic carpet Cleaning will help the impact on global warming

422:

Jan 10, 2010, Vickie Tatum, Texas

421:

Jan 9, 2010, Elizabeth Love, Texas

I want to see Austin be a leader in making changes necessary for cleaner air. The Austin City Council needs to put plans into action that will accomplish promises made to the citizens of Austin.

420:

Jan 9, 2010, George Reiff, Texas

419:

Jan 9, 2010, Laurie Sherman, Texas

418:

Jan 9, 2010, Jennifer Ryman, Texas

417:

Jan 9, 2010, Patricia Elias, Texas

416:

Jan 9, 2010, Dayna Blazey, Texas

415:

Jan 9, 2010, Virginia Savely, Texas

414:

Jan 9, 2010, Chris Lay, Texas

413:

Jan 9, 2010, Simone Traverse, Texas

412:

Jan 9, 2010, Norman Allen, Texas

Profits are good but without life, all the riches of the world are meaningless. Major polluters have become blind towards spaceship earth. It is the job of the elected leaders to save earth, one city at a time. You are in the position to become the leaders in the country and make Austin the spearhead of the save the planet effort. Hope you have the courage carpe diem. My two cents thoughts. Best,

411:

Jan 9, 2010, Tricia Potyka, Texas

410:

Jan 8, 2010, Wendy hale Davis, Texas

409:

Jan 8, 2010, Claire Huie, Texas

408:

Jan 8, 2010, Dana Frandsen Jr, Texas

407:

Jan 8, 2010, Jennifer Lang, Texas

As a customer of Austin Energy, I pay extra each month for green energy. I continued to do this, even through the three months of 100+ degree weather. It would have been easy to pay less, but I believe in cleaning our air. Please don't go back on your word now.

406:

Jan 8, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

405:

Jan 8, 2010, Gwen Jewiss, Texas

Next week is the update to the Climate Protection Plan / The Austin Climate Protection Conference & Expo. Of course it is the place to proclaim not only our re-commitment, but also our additional steps we will be taking! Austin used to be the leader in this field. We have rested on our reputation and others have been catching up. It is time for us to leapfrog ahead again!

404:

Jan 8, 2010, Julie Schriber, Texas

403:

Jan 8, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

402:

Jan 8, 2010, Christine Mecklenborg, Texas

401:

Jan 7, 2010, David Todd, Texas

Climate protection is good for living things, and for the economy. Let's work on it here in Austin!

#400: Jan 6, 2010, **Ann Pittman**, Texas

Let's be the leading city in environmental stewardship! We can do it!

399:

Jan 6, 2010, Richard Trachtenberg, Texas

398:

Jan 5, 2010, **Stephen Kinney**, Texas

397:

Jan 5, 2010, Susan Voelz, Illinois

I lived in Austin for many years and was proud how the city took care of the springs and the quality of life for Austinites. Chicago feels beyond hope. Austin still can do it. Please do what you can and lead the way with the climate program that was adopted.

396:

Jan 5, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

395:

Jan 5, 2010, Kathy Kravitz, Texas

I strongly support any efforts in this direction. What would Austin (or anywhere, for that matter) be without clean water, beautiful skies and irreplaceable natural resources? Austin must continue to take steps toward ensuring a sustainable environment for all earth's creatures.

394:

Jan 5, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

Austin can and should be a leader in this area in Texas and indeed the nation. I will also second others who have expressed the need for a better water conservation plan.

393:

Jan 5, 2010, Bruce Kravitz, Texas

As a leading city in the US, the citizens and officials of Austin need to continue to set the example of doing the right thing to combat Global Warming by adopting smart policies.

392:

Jan 4, 2010, Donna Hoffman, Texas

I am committed to Austin's Climate Protection Plan. I know we can achieve it with your leadership. We're helping in my neighborhood by partnering with Austin Energy to do weatherization workshops and encouraging our neighbors to become Power Savers.

391:

Jan 4, 2010, Jarle Lillemoen, Texas

390:

Jan 4, 2010, Christa French, Texas

389:

Jan 4, 2010, Sandra Fountain, Texas

As the past Acting Director of The Austin Environmental Council, I affirm the purpose of this petition.

388:

Jan 4, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

387:

Jan 4, 2010, Jade Rutledge, Texas

386:

Jan 3, 2010, F Rinehart, Texas

385:

Jan 3, 2010, Debbie Kreuser, Texas

384:

Jan 3, 2010, Jacklyn Verdin, Texas

383:

Jan 3, 2010, Caitlin Miller, Texas

382:

Jan 3, 2010, Frederic Dupuy, Texas

381:

Jan 3, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

380:

Jan 3, 2010, Sarah Faust, Texas

As part of the recommitment, please include our city's water future and the impact on water resources that is part of carbon intensive energy production; likewise water conservation saves more energy than treating and pumping more water from an unnecessary water treatment plant.

379:

Jan 3, 2010, Rory Hall, Texas

378:

Jan 2, 2010, Stephen Pollard, Texas

377:

Jan 2, 2010, Kay Allen, Texas

It is Austin's obligation and privilege to be a national, and even worldwide, leader in environmental conservation. We must follow through with the initiatives we know to be in the long-term best interest of our city, our state, our nation and our world. Sincerely, Kay Allen

376:

Jan 2, 2010, Angela Luck, Texas

Austin should be leading the way not creating excuses like everyone else. Please vote as necessary to hold the producers of carbon gases accountable.

375:

Jan 2, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

374:

Jan 2, 2010, Karlynn Wighaman, Texas

373:

Jan 2, 2010, Valerie Aris, Texas

372:

Jan 2, 2010, **Karen Hansen**, Texas

I am an elementary school teacher. I want my students to be proud to say they live in Austin. Many of them already associate Dallas and Houston with pollution. Let's be known for being the healthiest city in Texas and USA!

371:

Jan 1, 2010, Lindsey Martin, Texas

370:

Jan 1, 2010, Catrin Bennett, Texas

369:

Jan 1, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

368:

Jan 1, 2010, Will Ikard, Texas

367:

Jan 1, 2010, Anonymous, Texas

366:

Jan 1, 2010, Cathy Barker, Texas

365:

Jan 1, 2010, Todd Skiba, Texas

Do the right thing.

364:

Jan 1, 2010, Sara Miller, Texas

Im astonished that in a place like Austin a petition like this is needed. You made a commit, just as I have, to make this world better, to help keep it beautiful and to help it prosper by doing what is right for the environment which in turns does what is right for us. I pay extra for alternative energy from Austin Energy because I want to show people that it matters and I wanted to give Austin Energy incentive to do more.

Please don't let me down. Sincerely, Sara Miller

363:

Dec 30, 2009, Will Taylor, Texas

362:

Dec 30, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

361:

Dec 30, 2009, Donald Goff, Texas

Let's lead the way to a better environment AND a better economy by acting on the ACPP.

360:

Dec 30, 2009, Karen Villarreal, Texas

359:

Dec 30, 2009, Jen Cairns, Illinois

As a future resident of Austin, I highly encourage all citizens to take an active role in fighting climate change, especially throughout Texas. The issue is not simply something that can be done once and tabled, but remains an important one as a daily agenda. I look forward to all of you as fellow citizens and neighbors, and hope we can work together to find cost-effective and amicable solutions for Austin. Thanks for your time. Sincerely, Jen Cairns

358:

Dec 30, 2009, Mike Winnig, Texas

357:

Dec 29, 2009, Jeff Plowman, Texas

We must lead by example and show how Texans can be a part of the solution.

356:

Dec 29, 2009, Barbara Grove, Texas

355:

Dec 29, 2009, Megan Charter, Texas

354:

Dec 29, 2009, Scott Johnson, Texas

While the Austin Climate Protection Plan is a solid framework there needs to be accelerated implementation in all areas. The plan's implementation has been neglected by elected officials and city management in areas ranging from the Energy Conservation Audit/Disclosure to using alternative fuels that consider life-cycle impacts to a broad-based City sustainable purchasing initiative.

353:

Dec 29, 2009, Colleen Dieter, Texas

352:

Dec 29, 2009, Patrick Buchta, Texas

351:

Dec 29, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

349:

Dec 29, 2009, Daniel Lucio, Texas

Please show some leadership and set the example in Texas by recommitting to Climate Program.

348:

Dec 29, 2009, Harmony Moore, Texas

347:

Dec 28, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

346:

Dec 25, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

345:

Dec 24, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Please heed these signatures and petition - make our grandchildren proud.

344:

Dec 24, 2009, Anne Withrow, Texas

343:

Dec 24, 2009, Andrew Wilson, Texas

Austin has long been a leader on climate issues, but we risk falling behind cities like Los Angeles, who will quit coal by 2020, if we do not act quickly and boldly.

342:

Dec 23, 2009, Deborah Capraro, Texas

341:

Dec 23, 2009, Muriell Ramirez, Texas

340:

Dec 23, 2009, Ajai Raj, Texas

If not Austin, Texas, then who should take the lead on this?

339:

Dec 22, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

338:

Dec 22, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

336:

Dec 22, 2009, Johnny Goudie, Texas

335:

Dec 21, 2009, David Dixon, Texas

334:

Dec 21, 2009, Cathy Redson, Texas

Landfill Rescue! BAN STYROFOAM food containers! It takes 400 years for styrofoam to break down in a landfill. In 2008, the City of Oakland, CA passed an ordinance banning the use of styrofoam to go and food packaging. If they can do it, so can Austin! Put your vote and your muscle where your mouths and photo opps are! Be bold! We need LEADERSHIP on this issue! Can't someone in City Council or the Mayor OWN THIS ISSUE!!!!

333:

Dec 21, 2009, Steve Schwelling, Texas

332:

Dec 21, 2009, Cheyne Maclaskey, Texas

330:

Dec 21, 2009, Chad Rittenberry, Texas

Lets go greener! More locally grown food! Renewable energy! Local material recovery facilities for stronger recycling programs! Composting programs. This will create more jobs and keep our local economy strong.

329:

Dec 21, 2009, Hans Graffunder, Texas

328:

Dec 21, 2009, S. K. Rosina Newton, Texas

Will we be known as those who were bold and wise enough to take the necessary steps, or the ones who floundered and failed to make the right decision?

327:

Dec 21, 2009, Lisa Robinson, Texas

326:

Dec 20, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

As one of the top CO2 producers, we are responsible for leading the world in eliminating CO2 production. We have the technology to do it, and this is a sign of our public will to make it happen.

325:

Dec 20, 2009, Ralph Underwood, Texas

324:

Dec 20, 2009, Dawn Bowes, Texas

323:

Dec 19, 2009, Michael Gomez, Texas

322:

Dec 19, 2009, Kristina Candito, Texas

321:

Dec 19, 2009, Susan Dezelle, Texas

320:

Dec 18, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Please work to make Austin the greenest city in America. Our children deserve better than this current state of decline!

319:

Dec 18, 2009, Michael Logan, Texas

This is the issue that defines our generation - this is the issue by which our grandchildren will hold us accountable.

318:

Dec 18, 2009, Yvette Burtschell, Texas

317:

Dec 18, 2009, Bonnie Mallott, Texas

316:

Dec 18, 2009, Jarymar Arana, Texas

We want more clean energy!

315:

Dec 18, 2009, Corey Bobco, Texas

This earth's all we got... at least until space-colonizations. But I reckon that can't happen 'til we as a collectivity figure out a healthy way to manages the resources of this old Earth. Nice chatting with you. Enjoyed the chat (even if it was 1-way) endearingly yours, plur.puss

314:

Dec 18, 2009, Angela Reed, Texas

313:

Dec 18, 2009, Paul Klemperer, Texas

We need to make Austin an example for other cities of a responsible development model for the 21st century.

312:

Dec 18, 2009, Chad Greene, Texas

311:

Dec 18, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

310:

Dec 18, 2009, Jaron Castilleja, Texas

I wish that I could say that at least one city in Texas is doing something to reduce emissions, but despite all our green talk and our bike friendly streets, we're still not doing much. Please help!

309:

Dec 17, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

307:

Dec 16, 2009, Paul Gordon, Texas

I hope you will continue to make and keep Austin the most green and pollution free city in America.

306:

Dec 16, 2009, Margie Mines, Texas

305:

Dec 16, 2009, Niki Doering, Texas

304:

Dec 15, 2009, John Somdecerff, Texas

I ran into the Urban Farms bike tour at the downtown farmer's market last Saturday. (Yes, I was there on my bike.) Thank you Mayor Leffingwell and council member Chris Riley for your support. Please do continue to support sustainability in all its forms.

303:

Dec 15, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Climate Protection is more than an Austin Energy initiative. We need to change the things we buy, how they are used, and provide incentives to City departments who show leadership in these areas.

302:

Dec 15, 2009, Ezra Reynolds, Texas

Dec 15, 2009, Al Stlouis, Texas

Let this past 2 years of drought inspire us to do more to reduce global warming!

299:

Dec 15, 2009, Terry Huth, Texas

I urge all Council Members to take this seriously. The city has many issues to deal with, but environmental leadership can become a golden egg for Austin if the City Council and city leaders truly get behind it and make it happen. This commitment will require continual renewal. This petition asks you to take that step.

298:

Dec 14, 2009, Suzanna Choffel, Texas

297:

Dec 13, 2009, Delia Davila, Texas

296:

Dec 13, 2009, Michelle Doty, Texas

We are appreciative recipients of the city's solar photovoltaic rebate. Please continue to make it available. I am still dismayed at how few residential solar panels I see in Austin.

295:

Dec 13, 2009, Eva Hernandez, Texas

Austin has a unique opportunity to be a leader in Texas and in the US, and in fact can have an impact globally. Make Austin a leader in fighting Climate Change.

294:

Dec 12, 2009, Brian Kiel, Texas

Please let Austin lead the way!

293:

Dec 12, 2009, Lucia Simonelli, Texas

292:

Dec 12, 2009, Ellen Long, Texas

291:

Dec 11, 2009, Kristin Underwood, Texas

Climate change, and our impact on the world around us should be our priority, for taking all consequences into account is the basis for sound decisions. Let's be aware, and let's strive to live better...for us, and future generations.

290:

Dec 11, 2009, Lorraine Tallent, Texas

288:

Dec 11, 2009, Rachel Harris, Texas

287:

Dec 11, 2009, Travis Twomey, Texas

286:

Dec 11, 2009, Sam Placette, Texas

Climate protection improves the environment and our everyday quality of life.

285:

Dec 11, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Let's "make Austin the leading city in the nation in the fight against climate change" as promised! The time is now!

283:

Dec 11, 2009, Paige Finan, Texas

282:

Dec 11, 2009, Siobhan Kenna, Texas

281:

Dec 11, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Austin has too many people who talk big with no action. Set an example of something better, both for the people of our city and the country as a whole.

280:

Dec 11, 2009, Amanda Klaus, Texas

279:

Dec 11, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

278:

Dec 11, 2009, Ren LeVally, Texas

70% of Austin's CO2 emissions come from the Fayetteville Coal Power Plant, the 5th worst polluter in Texas. Talk is cheap; when will you begin to do something tangible about providing clean energy?

277:

Dec 11, 2009, Melissa Sanchez, Texas

275:

Dec 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Natural world>Economy

274:

Dec 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

273:

Dec 10, 2009, Terri Ewton, Texas

I recently moved to Wimberley from Austin and am shocked at the water monopoly from Aqua TX that really is another NE state...but alas...need to flush...and have heard that there is no way to get "off the grid" w/ solar/wind energy where I am... I realize I'm no longer an Austin resident, but am a concerned citizen of the state of Texas and hope to see some positive change in this regard. Thank you.

272:

Dec 10, 2009, Alex Long, Texas

I would offer the following edit: In lieu of: "Make Austin the leading city in the nation in the fight against climate change." "The City of Austin, Texas will lead the world in active steps towards a sustainable future - and will be the model community which others endeavor to follow." Something along those lines. Think big, but do-able, then do it.

271:

Dec 10, 2009, Kim Miller, Texas

270:

Dec 9, 2009, Judy Richardson, Texas

268:

Dec 9, 2009, William Larson, Texas

Let's not only be known as the music capitol, but the energy capitol!

267:

Dec 9, 2009, Timothy Nielsen, Texas

265:

Dec 9, 2009, **Turk Pipkin**, Texas

264:

Dec 8, 2009, Lauren Stanley, Texas

we have to be bold with our approach and think outside the box for our solutions. there are lots of win wins out there!!

262:

Dec 8, 2009, Christie Zangrilli, Texas

261:

Dec 7, 2009, Shannon Rigby, Texas

260:

Dec 7, 2009, Sean Ables, Texas

259:

Dec 7, 2009, Stephanie Bailey, Texas

258:

Dec 7, 2009, Gwendolyn Jewiss, Texas

Keep Austin green!

257:

Dec 7, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Keep Austin a leader - recommit to the climate protection plan. It is probably the most important thing the city can do.

256:

Dec 7, 2009, Chad Phelan, Texas

255:

Dec 7, 2009, **Steve Wolf**, Texas

254:

Dec 7, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

253:

Dec 7, 2009, Geoffrey Perlman, Texas

252:

Dec 7, 2009, Oliver Steck, Texas

251:

Dec 7, 2009, Melody Lemonds, Texas

250:

Dec 7, 2009, Lynn Rich, Texas

NOTHING is more important at this time in world history than for the planet to lower carbon emissions, whatever it takes. It is truly about life or death. Please commit to this effort on our behalf.

249:

Dec 7, 2009, Erin Thomas, Texas

248:

Dec 7, 2009, Shannon Strathmann, Texas

247:

Dec 7, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

246:

Dec 7, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

245:

Dec 7, 2009, Claire Cook, Texas

244:

Dec 7, 2009, Hannah Beck, Texas

243:

Dec 7, 2009, Kevin Yeh, Texas

242:

Dec 7, 2009, Mason Arnold, Texas

241:

Dec 7, 2009, Susanna Sharpe, Texas

240:

Dec 7, 2009, Sharon Edgar Greenhill, Texas

239:

Dec 7, 2009, Sutton G, Texas

238:

Dec 6, 2009, McCall Johnson, Texas

237:

Dec 5, 2009, Jake Williams, Texas

236:

Dec 5, 2009, Ruby Levine, Minnesota

235:

Dec 5, 2009, Lauren Shallcross, Texas

234:

Dec 4, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Climate change is also an issue of pollution do not forget. Carbonization of the atmosphere is one thing but the diversity of pollution is another. Let us not be so caught up in the restriction of coal plants that we forget that remediation and regenerative design can also combat the destructive powers of industrial civilizations consumption. Make it a point to plant some native trees this year. Support your local nursery

in this as well, believe me they will propagate more. Study and begin a perennial garden. Compost all of your leaves and spread them over your yard. Become a steward of land no matter how small. Together little gestures make a big impact.

233:

Dec 4, 2009, Sharla Chamberlain, Texas

232:

Dec 4, 2009, Phil Bass, Texas

231:

Dec 4, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

Help us.

230:

Dec 4, 2009, Meg Sullivan, Texas

Let's be a strong leader in climate change prevention and set an example for the rest of the nation.

229:

Dec 4, 2009, Eline McBride, Texas

228:

Dec 3, 2009, Lyhann O'Shaughnessy, Mexico

227:

Dec 3, 2009, Sonia Santana, Texas

Let's lead the fight for our climate. We can do this Austin!

226:

Dec 3, 2009, Ruth Dewey, Texas

Please continue to support The Bicycle Project for a cleaner Austin and healthier citizens.

225:

Dec 3, 2009, Lauren Tietz, Texas

224:

Dec 3, 2009, Sam Webber, Texas

223:

Dec 3, 2009, Ryan Gould, Texas

222:

Dec 3, 2009, Sam Lipman, Texas

We urge you: please put climate solutions first on your agenda. please publicize your commitment to finding affordable solutions to today's problems.

221:

Dec 3, 2009, Lucy Stolzenburg, Texas

220:

Dec 2, 2009, Howie Richey, Texas

Austin can and should do this!

219:

Dec 2, 2009, Gregory Ackerman, Texas

218:

Dec 2, 2009, Julie Marquis, Texas

217:

Dec 2, 2009, Leslie Shaffer, Texas

216:

Dec 2, 2009, Paul Glasse, Texas

215:

Dec 2, 2009, Rey Arteaga, Texas

214:

Dec 2, 2009, Nina Janes, Texas

213:

Dec 2, 2009, Cisco Gilliland, Texas

212:

Dec 2, 2009, Natalie Marquis, Texas

Climate change forecasts for Texas put us in the path of some very bad weather in years to come: more droughts, more damaging storms and heavy/ flooding rains when we get them; more extreme temperatures. Please live up to our 2007 goals. We are trailing many cities and states. If we were to just address energy efficiency and conservation in all governmental buildings, we would be well on the way to achieving this goal. Between Austin Energy's assistance to low-income and elderly households, and relamping and weatherizing their homes, and a commitment to energy efficiency on all government buildings, we will be well on the way to our goal and the stimulus money is available to offset our costs. Thank you for your consideration of our plea to not lose sight of the goal we proclaimed so publicly in 2007.

210:

Dec 2, 2009, Don Harvey, Texas

209:

Dec 2, 2009, Raul Garza, Texas

208:

Dec 1, 2009, Meghan Matson, Texas

207:

Dec 1, 2009, Michael Ramos, Texas

Please do the right thing. This isn't about money or politics. It is about life for future generations.

206:

Dec 1, 2009, Marc Opperman, Texas

Austin needs to lead... no matter what it might cost in the short-term.

205:

Dec 1, 2009, Mike Maddux, Texas

204:

Nov 30, 2009, Laura Mordecai, Texas

Please honor the heritage of this city as this Great State's leader and guide in environmental issues. If you fail and sell out, you not only dishonor Austin citizens but you set a negative example for the rest of the state.

203:

Nov 30, 2009, Mark Grossman, Texas

202:

Nov 30, 2009, Mark Coats, Texas

201:

Nov 30, 2009, Luis Zapata, Texas

200:

Nov 30, 2009, Marsha Lebkowsky, Texas

199:

Nov 30, 2009, Mark Gomez, Texas

198:

Nov 29, 2009, Fran Collmann, Texas

197:

Nov 29, 2009, Jessica Shepherd, Texas

195:

Nov 28, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

All members of the Austin City Leadership are urged to support, promote and help organize for rapid success of the goals stipulated in the Austin Climate Protection Plan.

194:

Nov 28, 2009, Judy Haralson, Texas

I'm excited about the Pecan Street Project in my neighborhood. Thanks.

192:

Nov 28, 2009, Leonard Ashcraft, Texas

Please think about long term goals in our quest for clean and renewable energy. Coal is not clean, no matter how it is painted. Not yet at least. Thank you.

191:

Nov 27, 2009, Libby Kirkpatrick, Texas

190:

Nov 27, 2009, Lee Barber, Texas

189:

Nov 27, 2009, Kevin Carroll, Texas

188:

Nov 25, 2009, Michelle Syma, Texas

187:

Nov 25, 2009, Jo Ann Santangelo, Texas

186:

Nov 25, 2009, Nikolina Maskarin, Texas

185:

Nov 24, 2009, Jean Synodinos, Texas

184:

Nov 24, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

183:

Nov 24, 2009, Ian Bailey, Texas

182:

Nov 24, 2009, David Satarino, Texas

Reducing the amount of carbon humans put in the atmosphere is VERY important, and the sooner the better. Retire Fayette a.s.a.p. and invest in renewable energy immediately. Climate change is a HUGE problem. There is so much to do and not much time.

181:

Nov 24, 2009, Kamran Hooshmand, Texas

180:

Nov 24, 2009, Hugh Cullen Sparks, Texas

This is a matter of considerable concern to me and I respectfully request the Council to do the right thing for us and our children and the generations to come. The longer we remain inactive, the longer it will take to try to rectify the damage being done right now locally and globally.

179:

Nov 24, 2009, Jennifer Bourianoff, Texas

178:

Nov 24, 2009, Kate Payne, Texas

177:

Nov 24, 2009, James Rannefeld, Texas

176:

Nov 23, 2009, Amy Rivera, Texas

175:

Nov 23, 2009, Judith Helburn, Texas

174:

Nov 23, 2009, Howard Dvorsky, Texas

It's the right thing to do, think about it.

173:

Nov 22, 2009, Marc Fort, Texas

I really hope y'all can do right by our beautiful environment before it's too late. The people will remember your votes, good and bad.

171:

Nov 21, 2009, **Craig Hella Johnson**, Texas

I want to remain proud of Austin as a leader in care for our environs and for each other. Please recommit to this leadership role for Climate Protection.

169:

Nov 20, 2009, Dianne Scott, Texas

Please make our City a leader in the fight for Climate Protection!

168:

Nov 20, 2009, Delia Castillo, Texas

167:

Nov 20, 2009, Gregory Ward, Texas

It is essential that Austin City Council recommit to climate protection - there are so many ways for municipalities to control the carbon footprint of the residents and businesses, and Austin needs to demonstrate responsible leadership on this topic! It is in keeping with the goals and aspirations of our citizens! Yours truly, GregW

166:

Nov 20, 2009, Craig Smith, Texas

The clock is tickin' away and there are septic areas in ATX that need clean up, and closure for our children to live safely in Austin's future. It is about time council members move forward on becoming better stewards, thus living up to their 'talking points' made during their campaigns. Let's get with it folks. You're in a position to do this now, so let's put the quest for big money issues aside and clean up our town as a 1st step initiative starting right now!

165:

Nov 20, 2009, David Diaz, Texas

164:

Nov 20, 2009, Timothy Katje, Texas

163:

Nov 20, 2009, Dony Wynn, Texas

Austin especially should be leading the way to change our energy needs to GREEN!

162:

Nov 20, 2009, Gregory Klein, Texas

Central Texas' limited water resources makes this non-optional.

161:

Nov 20, 2009, Glenn Rexach, Texas

159:

Nov 19, 2009, David Serrins, Texas

158:

Nov 19, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

I believe Austin can balance its hi tech form of sustainable development with low tech. Also its smart tech with education change of behavior. Stuff

157:

Nov 19, 2009, **David Halley**, Texas

I applaud the goals and spirit of leadership expressed in the City of Austin's Climate Protection Plan. It is a worthy document to guide our investments and other decisions. The courage to live up to this commitment would be an example for the whole world. Unfortunately, the lack of courage to live up to this commitment will also speak to the world about who we are and about what we, the people of one of the more progressive cities in our country, truly value.

156:

Nov 19, 2009, Tyler Porterfield, Texas

The City of Austin makes the goal of its Climate Protection Plan clear: to "make Austin the leading city in the nation in the fight against climate change." We have created the petition below to show our support for the Mayor, City Council, Austin Energy, Austin's city leaders, and our diverse community of multiple stakeholders, to achieve rapid implementation of affordable, world-leading, climate solutions, immediately. We, the citizens of Austin, TX, urge members of Austin City Council to officially recommit to our City's Climate Protection Program. We feel our City can and must do more, and we stand ready to support our City's commitment to world-changing leadership.

155:

Nov 18, 2009, Tammy Jarocki, Texas

154:

Nov 18, 2009, Joy Standefer, Texas

153:

Nov 18, 2009, Casey Martinez, Texas

152:

Nov 18, 2009, Elizabeth Frisch, Texas

Austin and the Environment should go hand in hand. A healthy environment is good for business and our community.

151:

Nov 18, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

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150:

Nov 18, 2009, Sara Teel, Texas

Austin is one the best cities in the world. We can do better for the environment and for the future populations of Austin/Earth.

149:

Nov 18, 2009, Chris Forshage, Texas
word!

148:

Nov 18, 2009, Randy Jewart, Texas

All we're asking is to stand by what you've already committed to. WE'RE WITH YOU!!

147:

Nov 18, 2009, Carlos Sosa, Texas

146:

Nov 18, 2009, Christopher Cobb, Texas

145:

Nov 18, 2009, Lou O'Hanlon, Texas

Please continue your efforts toward this very important goal for the protection of our beautiful City and the health of its citizens.

144:

Nov 17, 2009, Kathryn Robinson, Texas

143:

Nov 17, 2009, Hanson Katherine, Texas

142:

Nov 17, 2009, Matthew Johnson, Texas

141:

Nov 17, 2009, Garreth Wilcock, Texas
Man up to the climate!

140:

Nov 17, 2009, Ann Woodall, Texas

139:

Nov 17, 2009, Joel East, Texas
San Antonio took the lead this past year. Actions speak louder than words. Time to ACT! Austin Energy's Solar Rebate program was successful in driving growth in this industry until it was recently slashed. Increased funding for this program and others like it are needed.

138:

Nov 17, 2009, Brad Castleberry, Texas

137:

Nov 17, 2009, Davey McEathron, Texas

136:

Nov 17, 2009, Ben May, Texas
I've always been incredibly proud of Austin's commitment towards maintaining a "Green" City. However, when so many other cities in this country are undertaking more ambitious plans to lead their citizens in the direction of a healthier, greener, more sustainable city, I can't help but wonder whether its excessive bureaucracy or pure laziness that has kept Austin from meeting or exceeding the same goals. I urge you to please reassess and reiterate the importance of committing to Climate Protection, and hope that you continue to keep Austin on the forefront of our nation's Greenest City's. My lungs and future children thank you in advance,.. Ben May

135:

Nov 17, 2009, Anonymous, Texas
This is an urgent issue & is among our most timely. My community is willing to sacrifice for the stability & health of future generations. Decisions in government need to reflect this shift in it's constituency's values & changing perspective of our effect on the future.

134:

Nov 17, 2009, Amy Pancake, Texas

133:

Nov 16, 2009, Trey Berndt, Texas

132:

Nov 16, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

131:

Nov 16, 2009, Amy Cook, Texas
Please commit to clean air and clean energy for our city, state and planet.

130:

Nov 16, 2009, Ann McSpadden, Texas
Prevention of further damage to our beautiful planet is easier than trying to fix it once it happens! There is no way to quantify the cost of losing clean air & water and our quality of life once it is gone. Investing now rather than later is smart since these new technologies can't be built overnight.

129:

Nov 16, 2009, Anthony Ortega, Texas
Thank you Chris.

128:

Nov 16, 2009, Carol Harwell, Texas
Please continue to be the national leaders that Austin has been privileged to have. It's up to us. thank you.

127:

Nov 16, 2009, W. Adam Griebel, Texas
Everything should be used in service of the Absolute.

125:

Nov 14, 2009, **Sharon Stanberry Rosshirt**, Texas
The entire nation watches the City of Austin. We need our city leaders to fulfill the commitments they've already made to our citizens, and keep Austin leading the way forward.

124:

Nov 14, 2009, Amanda Chiampi, Texas

123:

Nov 14, 2009, Alvin Dawkins, Texas

121:

Nov 14, 2009, **Brigid Shea**, Texas
Lee, You've committed to this--now it's time to really move it forward!

120:

Nov 13, 2009, Susan Sloane, Texas

119:

Nov 13, 2009, Gretchen Harries Graham, Texas

118:

Nov 13, 2009, Mary Blumberg, Texas
Austin Energy and Austin City Council needs to concentrate on rebates for Solar Photovoltaic Installations. Instead of all the other electrical and gas companies selling their air conditions and gas heating. Their should be installing solar photovoltaics for hot water systems. They don't need our city taxes going to all those manufactures. Austin's Program should be going to the people and electricians that install the Solar Photovoltaics on their roofs or a windmill. This will help with Global warming and keep us out of the nuclear and coal polluting industries. The city and Austin Energy need to require that all electricians and gas installers have a mandotrerie course in installing solar photovoltaic technology. They can work on a public school or building doing this. All buildings that are commercial should also be required to install solar photovoltaics or not be built. Those that are being built should also be required by a mandate to improve their energy use.

117:

Nov 13, 2009, Lee Milligan, Texas

116:

Nov 13, 2009, James David Johnson, Texas

115:

Nov 13, 2009, Ana Riley, Texas

114:

Nov 13, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

This is such a great idea and I fully support the effort.

113:

Nov 12, 2009, Katherine Jensen, Texas

Honorable Mayor and City Council, I ask you to continue to strive to be the greenest city in the country ... or the world! I encourage you to do this through a mix of supportive policies, effective leadership and programs, and action-oriented public outreach leading to robust community involvement. The City of Austin can and must continue to show leadership on the environmental and social well-being fronts, causing other cities to stand up to the challenge, thus improving all our worlds. Think global, act local... always!

112:

Nov 12, 2009, Andrea Tapia, Texas

111:

Nov 12, 2009, Mark McKim, Texas

110:

Nov 12, 2009, Cheyenne McClaran, Texas

109:

Nov 12, 2009, Jake Salinas, Texas

108:

Nov 12, 2009, Yvonne Hansen, Texas

107:

Nov 12, 2009, David Power, Texas

106:

Nov 12, 2009, Dawn Sajadea, Texas

105:

Nov 12, 2009, William Stout, Texas

Acting on Climate Change measures, making them a top priority, will CREATE employment, which will in part inspire citizens to do more toward living sustainably. Provide incentives and integrate policy to reflect the will of the Austin Communities!

104:

Nov 12, 2009, Donna Hoffman, Texas

Hello Mayor and Council Members, I know we can do it. Austin can roll beyond coal and phase out Fayette Coal Plant by 2020. I would be happy to help make that happen in my neighborhood where I am an elected representative to OCEAN, the Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods. Specifically, my association Blackshear-Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association is ready to provide a workshop for our neighbors where we can photocopy their documentation for the City's new weatherization program application. We can help them fill out the necessary paperwork, and visit with our neighbors through successful completion of their weatherization. We can quit coal by increasing energy efficiency by 1000 mw and by building industrial scale on-site solar programs. Many industry leaders will be ready to get on board. All we need is your leadership. I believe with Mayor Leffingwell's leadership and with the awesome current City Council, you can help move Austin toward our clean power, green jobs, and clean air future! Please feel free to contact me about my ideas for helping in my neighborhood with BPHNA and OCEAN. Donna Hoffman, 512-299-5776

103:

Nov 12, 2009, Matthew Kresha, Texas

Please understand that we the citizens of Austin support this measure and would like this reflected in our leadership as it was in the past. Let's move beyond rhetoric and saying that we are green, to taking steps to being green! Thank you for your time.

102:

Nov 12, 2009, Nantz Jones, Texas

100

Nov 11, 2009, Dee Cardenas, Texas

99:

Nov 11, 2009, Michele Hallahan, Texas

I wish to offer my support in any way possible to assist you in recommitting to the Austin Climate Protection Program. I am a seasoned environmental management professional with experience working for University of Texas and have been actively involved in improving the environment and partnering with non profit organisations in Austin for many years. I know that the city council cannot do this without the support of the citizens and stakeholders of this city. I'm one of thousands concerned about the plan's alarming financial oversights, costly health impacts and lack of initiative on climate and environmental issues in Austin Energy's current electricity plan, 2010 to 2020. I also think it's important to let you, our elected officials, know that I and the many friends and colleagues I have who listen to me will support you if you commit to some strong climate actions. Best regards and please reach out to those of us who would be qualified and happy to help. Sincerely, Michele Hallahan, LEED AP

98:

Nov 11, 2009, J.R. Helton, Texas

Two thirds of all major species in the world are in decline. A majority of lakes and streams and rivers in the United States are now polluted. And over a billion people today face severe droughts and daily hunger. If these simple facts cannot get us to act upon the reality of climate change, nothing will.

97:

Nov 11, 2009, Gayle Borst, Texas

96:

Nov 11, 2009, Christian Holton, Texas

95:

Nov 11, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

I believe that protecting the environment and economic growth are not opposing forces. With new technologies, use of current technologies, and awareness of our environmental impact, the City Council of Austin can take us toward a role of leadership for other cities.

94:

Nov 11, 2009, Amanda Ogden, Texas

Please move forward with the Climate Protection Plan! It's imperative for all of us that we move forward!

93:

Nov 11, 2009, James Petivan, Texas

92:

Nov 10, 2009, Carey Howard, Texas

91:

Nov 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

90:

Nov 10, 2009, Felicia Kongable, Texas

Part of our climate solution should be the preservation of large trees. Additionally, the new trees planted at commercial and public sites should be planted correctly-- above grade and without mulch around trunks, so that they will live and grow to help be part of our climate/air quality system! Currently, they are all being planted too low and are mulched so that roots will encircle trunks and bark will rot. Growers and maintenance crew companies need to be required to follow scientifically based practices to ensure longevity of trees!

89:

Nov 10, 2009, Heather Goff, Texas

88:

Nov 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

87:

Nov 10, 2009, Anna Pierce, Texas

86:

Nov 10, 2009, Debbie Tucker, Texas

Austin must continue to be a progressive leader in energy and climate issues. Please recommit to the goals established in 2007.

85:

Nov 10, 2009, Cameron Molberg, Texas

Austin will attract new businesses, progressive research companies, and the limelight of the global eco-community with the switch from coal. I could have stayed where I was and lived as others do, thinking there is no climate or health issues associated with our current way of life, but instead I moved to Austin because of its promise for a brighter and cleaner future. Austin has renewed my sense of hope. Each day we are tested and given opportunities to take a step in a new direction, and it would be a great disappointment to miss one that would have a global impact.

84:

Nov 10, 2009, Javier Munoz, Texas

Austin step into the Future and rid us of that coal plant.

83:

Nov 10, 2009, Emily Rae Henderson, Texas

I'm tired of our city indulging by using coal energy. Make it green my friends!! It's TIME for CHANGE!

82:

Nov 10, 2009, Roy Waley, Texas

81:

Nov 10, 2009, Sarah Caldwell, Texas

80:

Nov 10, 2009, Joanne and Hamilton Richards, Texas

We picked up Austin's conservation ethic when we arrived 31 years ago. Our solar water heater has been saving kilowatt hours for 30 years, our landscape irrigation is mostly drip, our light bulbs are CFLs, and we were among Green Energy's first subscribers. Now we want Austin to match our commitment by reaffirming the City's dedication to world leadership in climate protection.

79:

Nov 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

78:

Nov 10, 2009, Marlene Eskin, Texas

77:

Nov 10, 2009, Dale Bulla, Texas

Austin can do so much more to save our climate. We still have too many incandescent traffic lights and almost no LED streetlights. We could require solar panels on all city buildings, close the Fayette coal plant ASAP, purchase only hybrid police cars and other city vehicles, lower the speed in the city limits to 55, require all native waterwise plants for city landscaping and much much more. If we become a non-attainment city, those costs will dwarf the cost of energy savings.

76:

Nov 10, 2009, Jon Lebkowsky, Texas

I'm a strong and committed supporter of the Climate Protection Plan, and I believe the City of Austin's leaders should reaffirm their commitment to its goals.

75:

Nov 10, 2009, Eric Cavanaugh, Texas

74:

Nov 10, 2009, Robert Smith, Texas

Please take action.

73:

Nov 10, 2009, Susie Harrison, Texas

Please recommit to the goals laid out in 2007!

72:

Nov 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

This will only make OUR city a better place to live!

71:

Nov 10, 2009, Cynthia Stewart, Texas

70:

Nov 10, 2009, Don Smith, Texas

69:

Nov 10, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

68:

Nov 10, 2009, Terry Moore, Texas

The Council needs pass a resolution that sets a specific GHG emission reduction target for a specific future year, say 2014, publish that target, and report annual progress towards it, in order to be eligible for federal credits under the federal Kerry-Boxer bill. Concerns over energy costs and economic development can be met by language in the resolution such as "only reduction measures which create lower electricity rates, no net increase in electricity rates, or total increased electricity rates of less than 2% by 2014 shall be implemented to meet this GHG emission reduction target."

67:

Nov 10, 2009, Justin Cherry, Texas

65:

Nov 10, 2009, Chris Lowrimore, Texas

this is something we as a city CAN do and SHOULD do. Please help our city and our citizens be leaders in this important shift toward a more sustainable place to live.

64:

Nov 10, 2009, Pat Bulla, Texas

63:

Nov 10, 2009, Paula Yuma-Guerrero, Texas

Thank you for all the progress we've made so far - let's keep up our leadership by rededicating our resources to fighting climate change and becoming energy independent.

62:

Nov 10, 2009, Mason Arnold, Texas

Dear Mayor Leffingwell and members of council, I am particularly concerned about Austin's energy plan, 2010 to 2020. As you know, burning coal is the most damaging thing Austin does to public health, the environment, and our future. Keeping the coal plant burning presents enormous financial risks to ALL bill payers. Austin's coal plant also creates 70% of the City's CO2 footprint. Can't we begin investing in local clean tech now, get out of this costly/destructive investment, and lead the world? Thanks for your service and attention

61:

Nov 10, 2009, Mary Ann Neely, Texas

60:

Nov 10, 2009, Jeff Luna, Texas

59:

Nov 10, 2009, Chris Carrigan, Texas

We're talking here about nothing less than slowing down our mad dash to EXTINCTION. Carbon dioxide is killing all life on the planet, and we care about that. Please put the welfare of FUTURE generations in your thoughts as you make decisions.

58:

Nov 10, 2009, Jacob Bintliff, Texas

As a student leader, I used to encourage UT to get serious on climate action by pointing out the high standard set by Austin's plan. I'm not really in a position to do that anymore since the plan is stagnating. This is something that Austinites can all be proud of if we do what it takes to fulfill its goals. Let's keep it high-profile and in the public consciousness!

57:

Nov 9, 2009, Adam Gravois, Texas

56:

Nov 9, 2009, Jaynna Sims, Texas

With as many options for renewable energy that exist, we should not still be choosing polluting, non-renewable energy.

55:

Nov 9, 2009, Lee Ellen Benjamin, Texas

54:

Nov 9, 2009, **Brandi Clark**, Texas

The problems are speeding up. We need renewed commitment and action toward addressing climate change.

53:

Nov 9, 2009, Anthony Capraro, Texas

I know that there is cost pressure at this time, but Green Energy is not more expensive -- it costs less (see www.powersmack.org). City council is the only place where business interests and environmentalists can

vie for Austin's climate on equal footing. Please direct your efforts to help us keep Austin a leader in environmental issues.

52:

Nov 9, 2009, **Matt Glazer**, Texas

50:

Nov 9, 2009, Lauren Maples, Texas

As a first step towards climate protection we can not be a city that has reached a non-attainment status for our air quality. This must be remedied immediately.

49:

Nov 9, 2009, Jennifer Nazak, Texas

We need to be bold! The CPP can actually revitalize the economy if done right.

48:

Nov 9, 2009, **Don Searles**, Texas

47:

Nov 9, 2009, Ryan Rittenhouse, Texas

Anthropogenic climate change is led predominately by fossil fuel power plants. We need to be leaders in *shifting the world off this incredibly destructive process. We have the alternatives necessary to meet our electricity needs without coal, and we can do it in a fiscally responsible way as well.* Please adopt an energy plan that includes replacing the coal plant with renewable sources of energy (including energy efficiency) as soon as possible.

46:

Nov 9, 2009, Hannah Glass, Texas

I have seen what coal plants have done to south Texas along the Corpus Christi ship channel and I do not support the environmental, social, or political outcomes of this energy option. As an earth scientist, I realize the economic importance of coal but also realize there are plenty of more rational choices. No more coal!

45:

Nov 8, 2009, Erin Hickok, Texas

Austin can lead the way to clean energy and energy efficiency. Here in Texas, we are at the forefront of the fight for clean energy! We can lead, or we can give in to special interest. Let's Keep Austin Weird and show this country the ingenuity and commitment we have to our environment and to the people of our nation. From deep in the hearts of Texans... Take a stand and lead the way!! Clean Energy Now!!

43:

Nov 8, 2009, Jason McCombs, Texas

41:

Nov 7, 2009, Rena Robinson, Texas

40:

Nov 7, 2009, April Heathman, Texas

39:

Nov 6, 2009, Daren Hess, Texas

38:

Nov 6, 2009, Michael Cowles, Texas

Please work to make Austin a leader in climate change solutions. We should lead Texas and the nation in finding solutions to one of the most important issues of our lifetimes.

37:

Nov 6, 2009, Zach Anderson, Texas

36:

Nov 6, 2009, Tristan Taber, Iowa

35:

Nov 6, 2009, Valerie Carson, Texas

34:

Nov 5, 2009, Colin Clark, Texas

Let's stop subsidizing sprawl!

33:

Nov 5, 2009, Laura LaMantia, Texas

32:

Nov 5, 2009, Rance Marion, Texas

31:

Nov 5, 2009, Keli Dean, Texas

Please...help make some positive changes in the area we ALL live in

30:

Nov 5, 2009, Deborah Peacock, Texas

29:

Nov 5, 2009, Thad McCullough, Texas

There are very few chances in life for a group of people to TRULY leave a legacy that will positively impact not just the present, but will reach far into the future and impact generations to come in a manner that brings a better life for EVERYONE. Through your leadership YOU have the chance to make that happen not just on a positive environmental level, but on a positive economic level as well. In ten years, will you be remembered as the council who led Austin into the forefront of environmental development and business, or will you be remembered as the council who missed this greatest of opportunities because you shied away from being the leaders that you could be?? We support you and your future efforts to continue Austin's commitment to environmental responsibility and economic development! What will YOUR legacy be??

28:

Nov 5, 2009, Jennifer Jarl McCombs, Texas

I am personally excited about the economic development opportunities that come along with Austin's™ commitment to lead the fight against climate change. We are fortunate to have those in our community that see this amazing opportunity in our own city. I challenge Council to not only be a leader, but to command the charge away from the remnants of the industrial revolution and into the clean tech revolution. Let us bring prosperity to our city and as a consequence to our country and the rest of the world. Austin is the perfect place for clean development to flourish. I am a proud supporter of Austin's™ Newest Legacy.

27:

Nov 5, 2009, Jason Simon, Texas

there is no such thing as clean coal! NOW OR EVER!

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Nov 5, 2009, Amy Lay, Texas

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Nov 5, 2009, Samuel England, Texas

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Nov 5, 2009, Gustavo Martinez, Texas

The world cannot wait for us to be sick and dying to act. We need to act BEFORE we are doomed, not in response to it.

23:

Nov 5, 2009, Randy Vaughn, Texas

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Nov 5, 2009, Patricia Boyce, Texas

Please show the leadership that committed persons in Austin expect and need from their elected representatives. Thanks

21:

Nov 5, 2009, Leslie Luciano, Texas

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Nov 5, 2009, Rebecca Cote, Texas

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Nov 5, 2009, **Bee Moorhead**, Texas

"If future generations are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow, we must achieve more than just the miracles of technology. We must also leave them a glimpse of the world as it was created, not just as it looked when we got through with it." --LBJ

18:

Nov 4, 2009, Anonymous, Texas

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Nov 3, 2009, Tom Ennis, Texas

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Nov 3, 2009, Scott Burton, Texas

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Nov 3, 2009, Kathy Zarsky, Texas

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Nov 3, 2009, Chris Smith, Texas

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Nov 3, 2009, Oliver Bernstein, Texas

5: Nov 3, 2009, Colin Rowan, Texas

I think it's important for the city to restate its climate commitment, especially given the amount of activity going on elsewhere. We run the risk of slipping from "leaders" on this issue to "followers." And our elected officials need to be leading the charge (and know that we'll stand behind them).

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Nov 3, 2009, Jake Stewart, Texas

I'm optimistic that this new Council and Mayor will keep Austin 'leading from the front' on clean energy and meaningful climate action. Let's give them the support to do it!

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Nov 3, 2009, Chris Searles, Texas